

Arkansas

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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 5 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.9 million during the week ending March 3, 2007. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2006, and down 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.1 million, down 9 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 1 percent from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

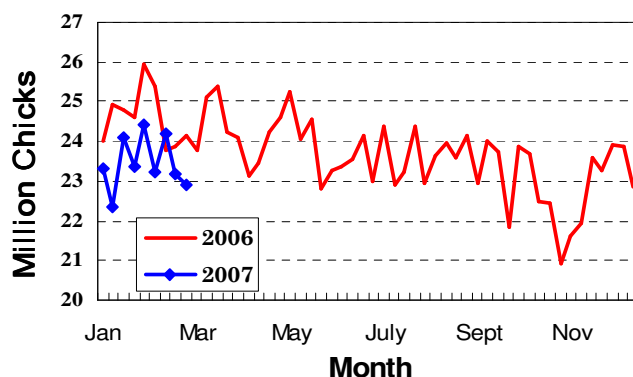
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 3, 2007, down 9 percent from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the revised previous week.

Week Ending ¹	Chicks Placed			Chicks Hatched			Eggs Set		
	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
Jan. 27	24,597	23,381	95	26,054	22,888	88	31,327	27,758	89
Feb. 3	25,961	24,410	94	25,999	23,004	88	31,442	27,525	88
Feb. 10	25,383	23,244	92	26,220	23,116	88	30,591	27,822	91
Feb. 17	23,786	24,192	102	26,014	23,086	89	31,038	27,995	90
Feb. 24	23,863	23,169*	97	26,109	22,816*	87	31,029	27,872*	90
Mar. 3	24,141	22,890	95	25,449	23,057	91	30,868	28,089	91

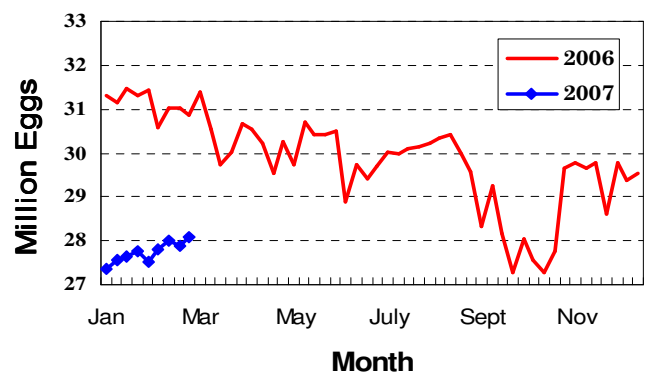
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised in current week

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2006-2007



Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2006 - 2007



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, February 3, 2007 - March 3, 2007

State	Eggs Set							Chicks Placed						
	Week Ending							Week Ending						
	3-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	3-Mar	% 1/		3-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	3-Mar	% 1/	
	<i>Thousand</i>							<i>Thousand</i>						
Alabama	30,397 *	30,853 *	30,912	30,731 *	30,944	97		20,315	19,693	20,150	20,504 *	20,640	97	
Arkansas	27,525	27,822	27,995	27,872 *	28,089	91		24,410	23,244	24,192	23,169 *	22,890	95	
Delaware	3,852	3,995	3,993	3,994	4,021	104		5,550	4,576	5,643	4,190	4,407	85	
Florida	1,369	1,363	1,362	1,365	1,366	100		1,745	1,559	1,595	1,592	1,736	116	
Georgia	35,107	35,263 *	35,777	35,637	35,732	103		27,628	28,359 *	28,819	28,793 *	28,796	104	
Kentucky	7,765 *	7,757	7,592	7,607	7,666	107		6,512	6,734	6,277	6,099 *	5,844	119	
Louisiana	3,711	3,740	3,833	3,802	3,786	93		3,410	3,548	3,597	3,592	3,890	102	
Maryland	8,078	8,781	8,822	8,743	8,958	100		5,124	5,946	5,185	5,778	5,890	113	
Mississippi	18,816	19,044	19,195	19,044	19,135	104		16,089	16,442	16,907	16,956	17,131	104	
N. Carolina	18,566	18,430 *	19,072	18,708	19,624	102		15,314	14,914	15,834	15,494	15,638	102	
Oklahoma	6,553	6,472	6,526	6,542	6,684	101		4,381	4,814	4,667	5,252 *	5,100	97	
Pennsylvania	3,929	3,672	4,000 *	3,914	3,839	97		2,908	2,865	2,681 *	2,852 *	2,854	100	
S. Carolina	5,493	5,308	5,499	5,452 *	5,616	103		5,508	5,260	4,165	4,303 *	4,185	81	
Texas	14,455 *	14,627 *	14,682 *	14,639 *	14,639	96		12,157	11,828 *	11,552 *	11,967 *	12,182	94	
Virginia	6,177	6,146	6,116	6,179	6,184	94		4,900	4,985	4,725	5,011 *	5,125	98	
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,779	19,446	19,486 *	20,122 *	20,008	109		16,038 *	16,062 *	15,631 *	17,130 *	17,251	103	
19 State Total	211,572 *	212,719 *	214,862 *	214,351 *	216,291			171,989 *	170,829 *	171,620 *	172,682 *	173,559		
Prev. Year Total	212,810	212,616	215,181	216,954	216,951			174,471	176,021	174,381	173,142	173,663		
% of Prev. Year	99	100	100	99	100			99	97	98	100	100		
Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/								24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr		

* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

Broiler Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 3, 2007. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 3, 2007. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through March 3, 2007 were 1.55 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.